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Governor Harrington Addresses the Graduating Class of the Maryland State College of Agriculture

College Park, Md., June 7.

Governor Harrington addressed and presented diplomas and certificates to the graduates of the State College on Wednesday, June 7th. The class was the largest the Institution has ever graduated, numbering 45, 30 of whom received bachelor of science degrees. The Rev. R. W. Flournoy, of Bethesda, Md., opened the exercises with the invocation. Edwin A. Taylor delivered the salutatory address, and Ralph McHenry was the valedictorian.

Governor Harrington, in addressing the graduates, said in part:

"I see a great future for Maryland. We have a delightful climate, a soil unsurpassed in its variety and possible fertility. A great bay running through the length of our borders, with its many tributaries abounding in wealth, both in their waters and upon their beds. Our success depends upon our unity of action and our scope of vision.

"The gentlemen whom I have appointed as trustees of this College and who constitute the Agricultural Board of the State are men of vision, men who believe that to stand still is to retrograde; that we must advance or be left behind in life's struggle. Into their hands we commit this College, we commit the State's part in the development of its agricultural interests. It is a weighty responsibility, our people are expecting results. Upon the advancement and development of the agricultural interests of our State, the prosperity and growth of our commonwealth so largely depends."

The following prizes were awarded:

Excellence in four-year course in Animal Husbandry, medal offered by the College, Lewis Wilson Erdman; honorable mention, Whitney Jennings Aitcheson.

Excellence in four-year course in Chemistry, medal offered by the College, Robert White; honorable mention, Kenneth Thompson Knode and Charles Earl Sando.

Excellence in four-year course in Mechanical Engineering, medal offered by the College, John Carman Sterling and George B. D. Gray.

Excellence in four-year course in Civil Engineering, medal offered by the College, Leonard C. Wilson.

Excellence in four-year course in Electrical Engineering, medal offered by the College, Edward Russell Hindman.

Excellence in four-year course in Agricultural Education, medal offered by the College, William A. Brockwell; honorable mention, Ralph F. McHenry and Frederick Grant Lodge.

Excellence in four-year course in Horticulture, medal offered by the College, Kercheval Evans Smith.

Excellence in debate, medal offered by the Alumni Association, Walter Measday, Jr.

Goddard medal for excellence in scholarship and moral character, offered by Mrs. Annie K. Goddard James, John D. Bowling, Jr.

The William Pinkney Whyte medal for excellence in oratory, Ralph F. McHenry and Walter Measday, Jr., each a medal.

Excellence in two-year course in Agriculture, medal offered by the College, Harry M. McDonald.

Excellence in two-year course in Horticulture, medal offered by the College, John W. Van Horn.

Honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon Gov. Emerson C. Harrington, Carl R. Gray, President of the Western Maryland railroad; Robert Crain, of Baltimore; Ovington E. Weller, of Baltimore county. R. Keith Compton, of Baltimore city, and Prof. W. T. L. Taliaferro, of the College, received honorary degrees in civil engineering and doctor of science, respectively.

Certificates of merit were conferred on W. F. Allen, of Wicomico county, for his efforts to advance Maryland's horticulture; on Harvy J. and Henry M. Speicher, of Garrett county, for their interest and development of the draft horse industry, and E. H. Brinkley, of the Maryland Experiment Station, for his agronomy work.

The Rev. Mr. Flournoy pronounced the benediction.

At 3.30 p. m. there was an exhibition drill and parade, after which the award of military commissions was made and announcement of military promotions was read. The following are the appointments in the battalion of cadets:

Cadet major, Galen Sturgis; cadet adjutant, B. F. Senart; quartermaster, W. D. Gray; sergeant-major, R. France; color sergeants, E. B. McKinley and F. M. Haig; captains—company A, J. A. Bromley; B, H. H.

Balkam; C, A. V. Williams; first lieutenants, company A, B. I. Coggins; B, R. D. Watson; C, H. W. Fristoe; second lieutenants, company A, H. B. Derrick; B, F. A. Korff; C, D. J. Howard ard; First sergeants, company A, L. M. Childs, B, M. A. Thorne: C, C. H. Bacon; quartermaster sergeants, company A, S. S. Ternant; B, C. T. Pyle; C, W. B. Engle; sergeants, W. P. Williams, P. V. Horn and G. F. Eppley; B, E. L. Wilde, W. H. Carroll and E. O. Simpson; C, Davidson, C. S. Elliott and Cutler, first lieutenants; chief musician, Harry Smith; first lieutenant of band, L. Burritt; drum major, J. H. Remsberg; sergeants of band, R. G. Stuntz and R. S. Eyre.

The 1916 commencement exercises closed this date with the commencement ball. Tuesday, the 6th, was Alumni Day at the College, and a large number of the former graduates visited their Alma Mater to attend the business session and dinner, which is always a part of the program for this day. The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: F. P. Veitch, College Park, Md., president; R. L. Mitchell, La Platta, Md., vice-president; W. M. Hillegeist, College Park, Md., secretary-treasurer; J. N. Mackall, Baltimore, Md., Wellstood White, Washington, members of the executive committee; W. P. Cole, Jr., Towson, Md., Wellstood White, Washington, D. C., alumni members of the athletic association council. In the afternoon a competitive drill of the three companies was held. Company C, commanded by Capt. K. E. Smith, won the drill. Capt. Smith received a sword presented by the class of '97. Harry Baugher Ward of Baltimore, was adjudged the best individual drilled man and was awarded the medal offered by the class of '99.

During the noon hour the class of '06 unveiled a tablet to the memory of R. F. B. Waters, a member of that class who died in 1911.

President and Mrs. H. J. Patterson held a reception on Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock to the Faculty, Alumni and members of the graduating class.

The oratorical contest which took place on Tuesday evening was pronounced by those in charge to be the best ever held at the College. The contestants were, W. D. Gray, W. A. Brockwell, Walter Measday, Jr., and Ralph McHenry. The judges decision resulted in a tie between McHenry and Measday, and in consequence both of the debaters will receive a medal.

The Class Day exercises took place on Monday evening, Mr. R. H. Dixon, Jr., of the class of '06 made the address.

Corn And Potato Club Boys Will Tour State

College Park, Md., June 9.

The movement began in Baltimore last fall to arrange for a Home State Automobile Tour for the winners in the Boy's Corn and Ptatoo club contest this year is meeting with every success that was hoped for this splendid cause. The pathfinding automobile which left Crisfield June 3rd carrying Reuben Brigham, Assistant State Agent in charge of Boy's Club Work in Maryland, and Henry E. Warner, of the Baltimore Sun, director of the tour, has been welcomed by large and enthusiastic crowds at Crisfield, Pocomoke, Snow Hill, Berlin, Salisbury, Sharptown, Hurlock, Cambridge, Easton, Denton, Centreville, Chestertown, Cecilton, Rising Sun, Conowingo, Elkton and Bel Air. If this interest which is being manifested by the different communities included in the itinerary of Messrs. Brigham and Warner at the beginning of their trip is continued by the towns still to be visited, and the committees organized in these towns will do their part in keeping alive this interest until fall, then the boys who are to make the tour through the State then will surely have the time of their lives. The towns still to be visited follow:

June 12—10 a. m., Ellicott City, Patapsco National Bank; 4 p. m., Ridgeville; 8 p. m., Frederick, Young Men's Christian Association.

June 13—10 a. m., Middletown; 4 p. m., Clearspring; 8 p. m., Hagerstown.

June 14—10 a. m., Hancock, First National Bank; 8 p. m., Cumberland, City Hall.

June 15—10 a. m., Frostburg; 4 p. m., Grantsville, Broadwater's Hall; 8 p. m., Oakland.

The plan to give such an educational reward to the winners in the corn and potato clubs contest by taking them through the State in automobiles had its inception last November when the boys were brought to Baltimore to visit the Maryland Week Exhibition. The 50 prize-winning boys will assemble at Baltimore on the Monday preceding Maryland Week, where they will be divided into two parties of about 25 each. The Southern Maryland boys will select which of the two trips offered they prefer to take, while the Western Maryland boys will be assigned to the Eastern Shore trip, and the Eastern Shore boys will be sent to Western Maryland. Leaving the Sun Building promptly at 8 o'clock Monday morning, one party will start for Crisfield by way of Elkton, and the other will begin the trip to Oakland by way of Ellicott City and Frederick. The trip will consume the entire week, and at its conclusion the Western Maryland party will return by train to Baltimore, and the Eastern Shore party will come back by boat from Crisfield.

Plans are now being formed to have the boys visit the State College of Agriculture before they go to their homes.

At each point on the route entertainment will be furnished and automobiles provided to relay the prize winners to the next point. All of this entertainment will be the voluntary hospitality of residents and automobile owners. As Maryland is famous for the quality and character of her hospitality, the boys are as-

sured in advance of a grand reception when they arrive at the several towns.

While the girls will not take such an extensive journey this year, nevertheless, the winners in the club contest for girls will be brought to Baltimore and entertained during the week that the Maryland show is in progress, as was done last year.

Home Economics Demonstration Course at Oakland, Garrett Co.

College Park, Md., June 10.

Miss K. A. Pritchett, State Agent, Home Demonstration Work, together with Miss F. J Hunt and Miss K. C. Calkins, Assistand State Agents, conducted a Home Economics Demonstration Course at Oakland, Garrett county, from June 5 to 9, in conjunction with the Garrett county Summer School.

Road Building Lecture Held at New Freedom, Baltimore Co.

College Park, Md., June 10.

Dr. T. H. Taliaferro, Dean of the Division of Engineering at the Maryland State College of Agriculture was the principal speaker at a meeting held at New Freedom, Baltimore county, on Friday, June 9th. Dr. Taliaferro spoke on the important subject "Road Building". County Agent J. F. Hudson had charge of the meeting.

Meeting of the Agricultural Society Council

College Park, Md., Jnne 9.

A meeting of the Agricultural Society Council was held on May 24, Rennert Hotel, Baltimore. A good attendance of members of the Council was noted, with President Samuel Shoemaker, presiding.

Various matters pertaining to the work of the society and affiliated associations during the year were discussed and acted upon, among them being the date of the annual meeting was set for the week of November 14-18. The rules regarding Club Exhibit Contest, which were previously revised and approved at the meeting of exhibitors, were presented and adopted.

Other matters were discussed towards making the 1916 exhibition and meetings a greater success.

The allotment of funds to the affiliated associations for premiums was made. The secretaries of the respective associations were requested to issue the premium list as soon as possible.

Executive Board of the Horticultural Society Meets

College Park, Md., June 9.

A meeting of the Executive Board of the Horticultural Society was held on May 24th, Rennert Hotel, with President I. H. Moss in the chair.

Premiums were allotted for various exhibits offered by the society for the 1916 exhibition.

An invitation was extended by Mr. E. P. Cohill and a committee of citizens and fruit growers of Hancock, to the society, for holding its summer meeting at that place. The invitation was accepted and details concerning arrangements for summer meeting were left to the president and secretary.

Things To Bear In Mind on the Farm During June.

College Park, Md., June 8.

ERUITS.

Clean out strawberry beds or cultivate the patch. If the plants have been bearing for two or more years reset them or plant new ones. The orchard should be planted to cow peas or some truck crop. Do not neglect the spraying. As the fruit ripens, can the surplus.

GARDENS.

Keep up a succession of garden crops. Continue to plant beans, tomatoes, and sweet corn. Tomatoes should be staked and pruned. The shoots appearing in the axils of the leaves should be removed as rapidly as they appear. All garden crops should be cultivated often and shallow. Horse cultivation is best. If this is not practicable, wheel hoes should be secured. A small outlay in good garden tools saves much time and labor.

PASTURES.

Pastures should be carefully looked after. Keep them free of bushes, briars and weeds. If the water supply in the pasture runs low, see that all animals are properly provided for. Every permanent pasture should have ample shade for the live stock. If there is not a sufficient number of trees, temporary sheds should be made.

FARM ANIMALS.

Guard carefully the health of the hogs and poultry. If hog cholera breaks out in the community, get in touch with the Biological Laboratory at the Maryland Experiment Station, College Park, and prepare to inoculate against the disease. Prompt action is necessary in such cases.

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